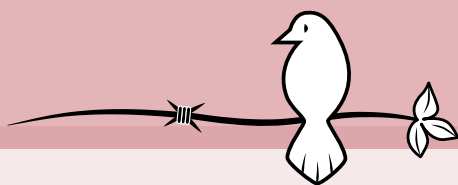


Annual Report 2019



Transforming Oppressions



christian peacemaker teams

MISSION

Building partnerships to transform violence and oppression


VISION

A world of communities that together embrace the diversity of the human family and live justly and peaceably with all creation

VALUES

Christian Peacemaker Teams is committed to work and relationships that:

- Honor and reflect the presence of faith and spirituality
- Strengthen grassroots initiatives
- Transform structures of domination and oppression
- Embody creative non-violence and liberating love



“I want to thank God and all
accompaniers, because with your
help, we have made possible what
was belived to be impossible.”

- Misael Payares, Leader, Las Pavas

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTORS

In 2019, CPT had to make the difficult decision to close it's Indigenous People's Solidarity program, based in Winnipeg, Turtle Island, due to budgetary constraints. The challenge was met with courage and creativity and our CPT reservists have created the Turtle Island Solidarity Network (TISN) in order to remain present with our indigenous partners and respond to emergencies. Meanwhile, other reservists have signed up to accompany migrants on the U.S./Mexico border who face numerous threats, while waiting for the U.S. government to hear their case.

All year long, the Development Working Group has been working hard to improve our outreach, communications, advocacy and overall sustainability of CPT. The Administrative Team has seen some changes in its composition and continues to have a group of dedicated people.

The work of peacemaking is constantly challenged by impunity and injustice. To support the movement of dignity and justice for our partners, CPT continues to train peacemakers to sustain our teams in Colombia, the West Bank, Iraqi Kurdistan, the U.S./Mexico borderlands and Greece.

Everything we do, we do it in partnership with our supporters and donors. We couldn't stand in solidarity with communities across the globe who are fighting oppression without you. Thanks to your generosity, we continue to walk with them, often in places where no one else is present.

During these uncertain times, we invite you to join us in hope and determination to support and advocate for our partners and their communities.

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PROGRAMMATIC STRATEGY

PHYSICAL ACCOMPANIMENT

CPT provides accompaniment for human rights and land defenders, both individuals and communities. Our physical presence hopes to provide safety by drawing attention to the threats people face.

ADVOCACY

Listening to the message of our partners and amplifying their voice, we advocate government and society for change that can bring about lasting justice and peace.

NON-VIOLENCE TRAINING

CPT equips individuals and communities with skills to nonviolently resist oppression.

DOCUMENTATION

CPT documents incidents of violence that can be used for advocacy, news and media, and truth telling.

UNDOING OPPRESSIONS

At the root of all violence is oppression. CPT strives to undo oppression within our own organization and provide our constituency with tools to undo oppression in their own community.

WHERE WE WORK

Centuries of colonization, driven by violence, capitalism, and racism – left the state of the world upside down. At CPT we are committed to undoing oppressions and working in solidarity with our partners for their liberation, and ours. To struggle against the status quo, for justice and dignity, means nothing less than turning our minds downside-up.

Iraqi Kurdistan

CPT Iraqi Kurdistan accompanies communities impacted by war, marginalization and colonization within a portion of ancestral Kurdish homelands located in what is now Northern Iraq and partners with rural villages as they resist displacement and destruction caused by Turkish and Iranian cross-border military operations.

Palestine

CPT Palestine, based in the West Bank city of al-Khalil (Hebron), supports Palestinian-led, nonviolent, grassroots resistance to the Israeli occupation and the unjust structures that uphold it.

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MIGRANT SOLIDARITY
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as they navigate Europe's
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are subjected to.

Colombia

CPT Colombia is present
with small farming and mining
communities in the rural
areas of the Magdalena Medio
region, caught in the crossfires
of decades of war and more
recently, hyper-development.

US/Mexico Borderlands

CPT in the Borderlands accompanies migrants in Agua Prieta
as they navigate the system to claim asylum. CPTers walk with
migrants to the border and to the local resource center as they
face threats from organized crime.

TISN

TURTLE ISLAND SOLIDARITY NETWORK

TISN builds partnerships with Indigenous Nations, communities
and movements engaged in decolonization, seeking justice, and/or
defending the lands against corporate and government exploitation.



palestine

354

The average number of children who were able to attend school everyday.

colombia

76

The number of accompaniments trips with partners.

iraqi kurdistan

9 20

Families and villages at risk of cross border bombings from Turkey and Iran accompanied by the team.

FAMILIES

VILLAGES

2019 in a glance



aegean migrant solidarity

870
AVP ACCOMPANIED

Number of AVP workshops conducted in French, Arabic and English; and number of migrants accompanied in their legal process.

turtle island solidarity network

25
Members in the newly formed indigenous solidarity network.

us/mexico borderlands

1000
Number of migrants accompanied to the US border in Agua Prieta.

CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHT: IRAQI KURDISTAN

HEAR US NOW: STOP THE BOMBING!

The *Hear Us Now: Stop the Bombing!* Campaign was launched in September 2019 by the CPT IK team and partner families who have been caught in cross-border conflicts as the governments of Turkey and Iran engage in the bombing of armed groups. Villagers have sustained considerable casualties, damages to property, lasting traumatic effects, as well as multiple deaths. The campaign calls for an immediate end to the bombings; for all armed groups and foreign militaries to withdraw from village areas; for deaths and civilian losses to be investigated; for compensation is granted to affected families; and acknowledgment of the injustice and targeted violence that they suffer.





IMPACT HIGHLIGHT: COLOMBIA

CPT Colombia is frequently called on to provide space and facilitate for conflict transformation discussions between different organizations; naming unhealthy dynamics and ensuring safe and honest dialogue. CPT Colombia is the only international accompaniment organization that has a focus on undoing oppressions, which has helped them to also facilitate gender workshops for different local social organizations and other international accompaniment organizations and to put the issue of oppressions on the table in the organizations' discussions.



PARTNER HIGHLIGHT: PALESTINE

HEBRON DEFENSE COMMITTEE



The Hebron Defense Committee (HDC) was established in 2012 by a group of Human Rights Defenders from the city of Hebron, West Bank. The HDC works to mobilize people at a local and global level to engage in nonviolent resistance to bring an end to the Israeli occupation and all forms of colonialism and racism in Palestine. CPT has partnered with the HDC since 2012, being in solidarity with them at nonviolent demonstrations and amplifying their work. In addition, members of the HDC serve on the CPT Palestine Advisory Committee.



REPORT ON SELF-CARE

COMMUNITY CARE IN THE PANDEMIC

To engage in the work of accompaniment over the long haul, we need to be attentive to the impact of this work on our collective and individual mind, body, and soul. Our strength arises out of the ways we connect and care for each other, and ourselves. Within the CPT community, we use the framework of healing justice to encourage all of us to engage in collective and individual practices that address both generational trauma and the potential for vicarious trauma that arises from our work. We check in with one another, create space for reflection, ground our work in spirituality, and support each person in developing and following a care plan. During this pandemic, we have developed resources for CPTers, for staying well during the quarantine, and we share resources on vicarious trauma, self and community care with partner organizations in Colombia and Turtle Island as well.

NAMES MATTER

AEGEAN MIGRANT SOLIDARITY
TURTLE ISLAND SOLIDARITY NETWORK
US/MEXICO BORDERLANDS



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In December, Christian Peacemaker Teams - Lesbos changed their name to Aegean Migrant Solidarity. The new name reflects the team's geographical scope, including the island of Chios, Athens, and the west coast of Turkey, in addition to Lesbos.

The inclusion of 'Aegean' refers to the history of the Aegean Sea as a migration point for different populations. It predates what is now known as the 'refugee crisis.' Many of the island's locals are also the

descendants of Aegean migrants from more than one hundred years ago. In the 1920s, a forced population exchange caused refugees of ethnic Greeks to live on the Western coast of Turkey; they faced a lot of difficulties when they had to resettle on the island. Aegean Migrant Solidarity is a more inclusive name, embracing and underlining the common ground between the old and new migrants of the island.

We prefer to use the word 'migrant'

rather than 'refugee' because daily, we see people who seek shelter divided into 'deserving' and 'undeserving' claimants. The focus of European policies and rhetoric are accepting those who are considered genuine (refugees) and driving out those who it claims, came simply for better opportunities (economic migrants). We reject this categorization and do not make such distinctions when working with communities.

Our programs accompanying migrants

acknowledgment of this land belonging to indigenous communities, we seek to oppose the narrative given by colonial settlers, resist dominant discursive practice and uphold the traditions, values, and beliefs encapsulated in the name "Turtle Island."

To this end, we strive to erase the colonial border between Canada, the U.S., and Mexico. We envision an entire world without borders, lines which are created and maintained with violence to



and refugees on the U.S./Mexico border, and coalition building with indigenous communities in Canada and the United States refer to the North American landmass – as indigenous communities do – as Turtle Island.

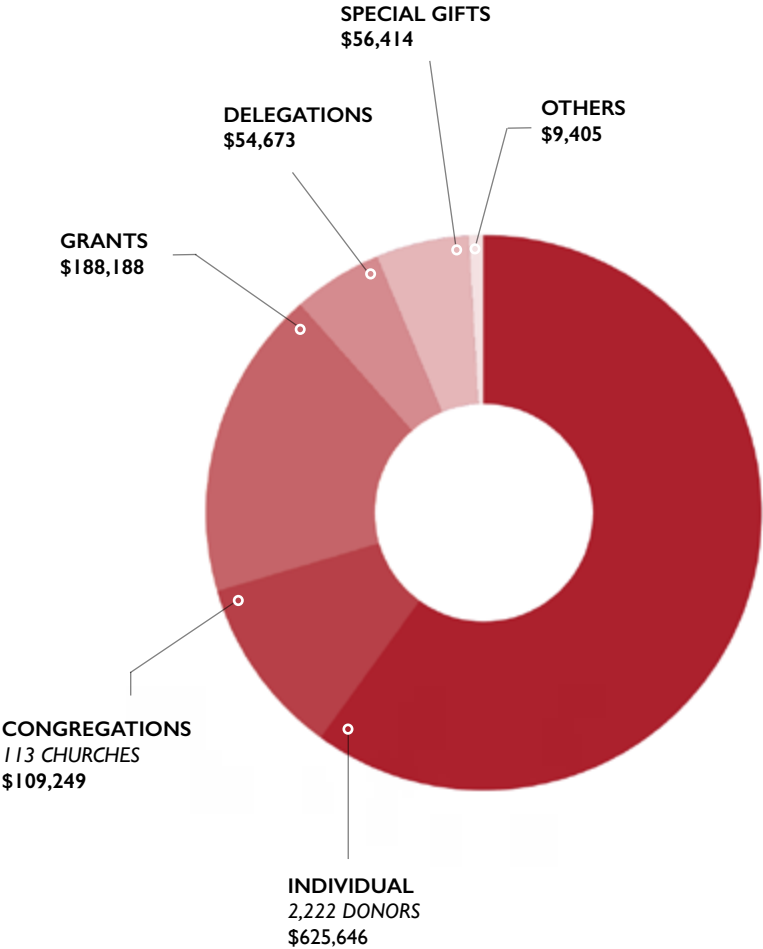
The states of Canada and the United States erected themselves on and within Turtle Island using the Doctrine of Christian Discovery, claiming dominance over free nations and peoples. By reclaiming the name of Turtle Island, in

exclude and control.

Dispossession from land characterizes the relationship our partners, and those we accompany have to militarization, resource extraction, and migration, a tragedy undergirded by centuries of colonization.

Therefore, in our process of calling places by their right names, we chose 'solidarity' and 'coalition-building' as the right way to walk with our partners and slowly dismantle the oppressive systems that made the world forget the correct names.

Your generosity sustained us. We are grateful to have you as an ally in this struggle for social justice.



Revenue during 2019

Allocation of expenses

PROGRAM 41% Operational Costs Iraqi Kurdistan: 95,872 Colombia: 60,398 Palestine: 70,614 Turtle Island Solidarity Network: 11,175 US/Mexico Borderlands: 2,189 Aegean Migrant Solidarity - Program funded by CPT Europe Regional Group Delegations: 44,820 Undoing Oppressions: 12,265 Training: 20,897	PEACEMAKER CORPS 51% CPT's financial model focuses on equipping, training, and building a volunteer base of peacemaker corps. These full-time, part-time, and reservists volunteers are our primary resource. The peacemaking work of CPT is profoundly human in its coalition-building and physical/political accompaniment which is fully staffed by a corp that receives stipends and healthcare.	FUNDRAISING/ADMIN 6% OTHER
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Balance sheet as of October 31, 2019

ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	420,671
Serendipity Fund - investments in publicly-held securities or funds	633,309
Prepays, receivables, deposits	109,475
Fixed Assets, net	18,971
Total Assets	1,182,426
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Liabilities (accounts payable and deferred income)	44,984
Net Assets (unrestricted)	1,137,442
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	1,182,426

Thank you for supporting us.

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Take action with us and watch our webinars at cptaction.org



MISSION 2020

TRANSFORMING OPPRESSION

Christian Peacemaker Teams accompanies communities around the world facing and resisting armed conflict using nonviolence. Yet at the root of all of these conflicts is systemic oppression. As we accompany partners we seek to transform oppression so that people can live in dignity and freedom. Yet, as an organization we are not immune to oppressive behaviour. We recognize that racism, classism, sexism, ableism, and heterosexism still impacts and is embedded in us, our broader community and constituency; and so we all need to walk together. Transforming oppression is a collective journey of mistakes, accountability, grace, learning and liberating love. We welcome you on this journey with us.

Aegean Migrant Solidarity

Colombia

Iraqi Kurdistan

Palestine

Turtle Island Solidarity Network

US/Mexico Borderlands

Thank you for sustaining CPT,
we truly could not do this work
without you. Your support means
everything.



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